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truth or falsity of the alleged relationship and business expectancy between Integra and Puget Sound Energy, and therefore deny the same. Deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 5.

- 6. Deny.
- 7. Deny.
- 8. To the extent an answer is required, deny.
- 9. To the extent an answer is required, deny.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Having fully answered Defendants' counterclaims, Plaintiff pleads affirmative and other defenses as follows:

- 1. Defendants failed to follow the applicable court rule and requirements in stating their counterclaims.
 - 2. Defendants failed to state a claim or cause of action upon which relief can be granted.
- 3. Any damages, if any existed, allegedly suffered by Defendants were caused by their own actions or inactions, decisions, and/or choices.
- 4. Defendants' counterclaims constitute malicious prosecution and/or abuse of process and are in violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.
- 5. Defendants' counterclaims or causes of action, if any, should be barred on the basis of unclean hands.
- 6. Defendants' counterclaims or causes of action, if any, should be barred or subject to offset on the bases of estoppel, waiver, failure of consideration, laches, negligence, failure to mitigate damages, and/or other legal or equitable defenses.
 - 7. It is inequitable and unjust for Defendants to maintain the counterclaims.
 - 8. Any damages, if any existed, allegedly suffered by Defendants may have been caused

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in whole or in part by third persons or entities over whom Plaintiff had no control or right of control. 1 9. Defendants' counterclaims or causes of action, if any, may be barred for failure to 2 name indispensable parties. 3 10. Plaintiff reserves the right to add or assert additional affirmative defenses as warranted 4 5 by further discovery. PRAYER FOR RELIEF 6 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment against Defendants as follows: 7 1. The counterclaims be dismissed with prejudice; 8 2. 9 Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and costs in defending against the counterclaims: 3. Plaintiff be awarded sanctions and damages against Defendants for abuse of process, 10 malicious prosecution, and violation of Rule 11; 11 4. Plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief that the court deems just and 12 appropriate. 13 Dated this 20th day of March, 2008. 14 LAW OFFICES OF VIC S. LAM PS 15 /s/ Vic S. Lam 16 Vic S. Lam, WSBA #25100 Attorney for the Plaintiff/Counter-defendant 17 18 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I HEREBY CERTIFY that on March 20, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing with the 19 Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following CM/ECF participant(s): 20 Julie K. Fowler, Attorney for Defendants/Counterclaimants. Dated this 20th day of March, 2008. 21 22 /s/ Vic S. Lam Vic S. Lam, WSBA #25100 23

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